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- 1. (U) FOLLOWING IS THE AUGUST 10 DAILY RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP PREPARED BY AF/C.
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PAGE 92 STATE 215074 102254Z RWANDA/BURUNDI DAILY SITUATION REPORT

AUGUST 10, 1994 AT 1500 HOURS

(LGU) FRENCH BEGIN TRANSFER TO AFRICAN PEACEKEEPERS: ON AUGUST 9, FRENCH TROOPS TURNED OVER CONTROL OF PART OF THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THEIR "SAFE ZONE" TO TWO COMPANIES OF GHANAIAN FORCES, TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY 250 TROOPS.

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A THIRD COMPANY IS TO ARRIVE LATER THIS WEEK. THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY SEEMED TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY AND DID NOT PROVOKE ANY NOTICEABLE REFUGEE EXODUS. ONLY A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE OBSERVED MOVING FROM GIKONGORO TOWARD FRENCH-CONTROLLED CYANGUGU. THE FRENCH CONTINUE TO MAN CHECK POINTS AND CONDUCT WEAPONS SEARCHES IN AREAS WHERE THEIR TROOPS REMAIN. NO ONE WAS OBSERVED OPENLY CARRYING FIREARMS IN THE ZONE, ALTHOUGH SOME YOUTHS WORE HATS BEARING SYMBOLS OF CDR EXTREMISTS. OBSERVERS REPORT THAT THE POPULATION DENSITY IN THE ZONE IS FAR GREATER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE COUNTRY. UNAMIR IS TRANSPORTING LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM THE ZONE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AS PART OF THE PEFFORT TO REASSURE THE POPULATION IN THE ZONE. (8/9 MARLEY/AISTON TELCON)

(C) PROTESTS EASE IN BUJUMBURA: THE THREE-DAY-OLD GENERAL STRIKE AND STUDENT-LED PROTESTS IN BUJUMBURA REGAN TO EASE AUGUST 10. FOLLOWING A TELEVISION APPEAL AUGUST 9 BY DEFENSE MINISTER FYIROKO, HEAVILY ARMED TROOPS TIGHTENED SECURITY. MEANWHILE, UNSYRG ABDALLAH REPORTS PROGRESS IN GOVERNMENT/OPPOSITION NEGOTIATIONS TO DIVVY UP INTERNAL SECURITY PORTFOLIOS -- A KEY STICKING CONFIDENTIAL

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POINT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION TALKS. (BUJUMBURA 2416)

- (U) EUCOM/UNHCR REVIEW WATER NEEDS: UNHCR OFFICIALS EXPLAINED TO EUCOM AUGUST 9 THAT THE MINIMUM "SURVIVAL" REQUIREMENT FOR WATER IS 7 LITERS PER PERSON PER DAY IN AN EMERGENCY, BUT 15 20 LITERS IN A LONG-TERM REFUGEE SITUATION. AT THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE EMERGENCY, UNHCR ESTIMATED A NEED FOR ONLY 80 TANKER TRUCKS. HOWEVER, UNHCR HAS AGREED TO PREPARE AN UPDATED ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT WATER NEEDS IN EASTERN ZAIRE. (GENEVA 6938)
- (C) PERMANENT UNSC MEMBERS DISCUSS WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL: AT AN AUGUST 9 MEETING OF LEGAL ADVISORS TO THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ALL BUT THE CHINESE AGREED THAT AN INSITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER SHOULD BE CREATED TO DEAL WITH THE CRIMES COMMITTED IN RWANDA. THE CHINESE WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH THE RWANDAN AND OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS BEFORE

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TAKING A POSITION. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE NEW RWANDAN JUSTICE MINISTER ENDORSED THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN AN AUGUST 8 LETTER TO THE UNSYG. (USUN 3281 AND OTHER)

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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